SUBJECT No. 87.

Pahani entries not to be relied upon when making remission.

Mr. A. Narasimmaiengar, District Board, Shimoga; Mr. Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—In the Shimoga District crops failed last year owing to the absence of rain. Government were therefore pleased to postpone the collection of kandayam for some time. The concession to be shown to raiyats seems to depend upon the entries of the Pahani prepared by the shanbhog. These Pahanis are not correctly written up. Moreover the crops failed after their condition was recorded in the Pahani. It is therefore requested that concession be shown upon proper investigation.

In the Shikarpur Taluk owing to no further enquiry having been held as to the outturn of crop, remissions have not been granted in several cases, where they were due. The Pahani accounts are written in October after the crops are removed.

Reply of Government.—The entries in the Pahani are not taken as conclusive evidence of the actual outturn of crop. This is decided after actual enquiry and inspection. Any cases in which this has not been done may be brought to the notice of the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 88.

Jamabandi Officers to be empowered to grant partial remission of assessment in seasons of bad crops.

Messrs. Kigga Channakesava Rao, Halagur Venkatasubbaiya, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Jamabandi Officers may be empowered to grant partial remissions of assessment in the case of arecanut gardens affected by *koleroga* and of wet lands affected by drought after needful enquiry.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done, as this power should be reserved to Government.

SUBJECT No. 89.

Kumri cultivation.

Mr. H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The facilities which were formerly afforded for *Kumri* cultivation have now been taken away. It is therefore requested that the old rules may be restored. Owing to the delay in granting such lands caused by having to consult the Forest Department, many poor people are deprived of their livelihood.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator of Forests will be again consulted as to whether any greater facilities may be allowed for the grant of such lands, and the matter will be further considered on receipt of his opinion.

SUBJECT No. 90.

Permission to take earth from kharab lands, etc., for gardens.

Messrs. Rama Rao, Bhaskara Rao, Lakshmana Rao and Sivaiya Gowda, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Both the garden and wet lands require the addition of fresh earth periodically in order to give a good crop. In some places there are Government or private kans, Government kharab lands, soppinbettas and Government assessed waste lands at the head of garden and wet lands, and if earth be taken out of them, fines are levied. It is therefore requested that this restriction may be removed.

Reply of Government.—Sufficient facilities are provided for this purpose by Land Revenue Rule 19. In special cases of hardship, a representation may be made to the local authorities.